

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections set forth in the Office action dated May 6, 2004 are respectfully requested.

I. Amendments

Claims 26, 34, 38, and 42 are amended in accord with the Examiner's kind suggestion. The claims are further amended to recite the flaxseed oil in a food as recited, for example, on page 6, lines 3-6. The claims are further amended for consistent terminology.

No new subject matter has been added by way of these amendments.

III. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 26, 34, 38, and 42 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as allegedly obvious over Leach (U.S. Patent No. 5,612,074).

Claims 27, 31, 35, 39, and 43 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as allegedly obvious over Leach in view of Erasmus *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,656,312) and Hunter *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 4,863,753).

Claims 28, 30, 32, 36, 40, and 44 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as allegedly obvious over Leach and further view of Igarashi (U.S. Patent No. 6,159,507).

Applicants thank Examiner Padmanabhan for the courtesy of a telephone call to clarify Applicants' understanding of the suggested claim language proposed by Examiner Wells (page 6 of the Office action mailed May 6, 2004). It is Applicants' understanding that the amended claim language proposed by the Examiner addresses the outstanding rejections. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections under 35 USC 103.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the claims pending in the application are in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully requested.

If in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (650) 838-4410.

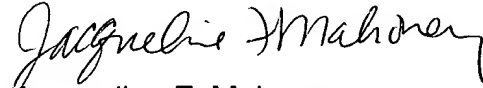
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